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TOPIC Airfield and Firing Range Near Barth

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1. The following firing practices by MiG-15s were observed between 8 and 23 April:

Date April	Time	Number of MiG-15s	Activities	Weather
8	12:05 a.m.-12:15 a.m.	3	Firing at ground targets	
	1:35 p.m.-1:45 p.m.	2	Firing at ground targets	
	2:40 p.m.-2:45 p.m.	1	Firing at ground targets	
9			no activity	
10	9:15 a.m.-9:50 a.m.	4		hazy, low cloud base
	10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	2		sunny, good visibility
	11:15 a.m.-11:50 a.m.	2		
	12:15 a.m.-12:45 a.m.	2		
11	1:10 p.m.-1:45 p.m.	2		
	9:25 a.m.-9:45 a.m.	2		
	10:20 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	2		
	10:50 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	2		
	11:50 a.m.-12:50 a.m.	2		
12	1:25 p.m.-1:35 p.m.	2		
13			no firing	good weather
14			no firing	good weather
15	10:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	2	no firing	good weather
	11:45 a.m.-12:00 a.m.	3	firing	good weather
	12:15 a.m.-12:30 a.m.	2	firing	
16	5:30 p.m.		no firing	good weather
	6:20 p.m.		1 biplane landed on the runway it took off again toward Damgarten	

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Number of</u> <u>MiG-15s</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Weather</u>
April 17			no firing	favorable weather
18			no firing	favorable weather
21			no firing	hazy, very cloudy
22	10:20 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	2	firing	good visibility
	11:55 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	2	firing	but cloudy
23	3:20 p.m.-3:40 p.m.	2	firing	hazy with occa-
	4:20 p.m.-4:27 p.m.	2	firing	sional showers

On 25 and 26 April, no firing was observed. Between 26 April and 4 May, there was no flying or firing practice.

- Recently, the jet fighters have approached the ground target from a higher altitude than previously. The planes circled once over the field at an altitude of 1,000 to 1,200 meters and approached the target at an angle of about 45 degrees according to the wind direction. Firing started at an altitude of 200 to 300 meters. Two to four rounds were fired with one aircraft cannon. The approach flights frequently missed the targets and then no rounds were fired. No auxiliary fuel tanks or bombs were observed on the planes. Although the range was guarded by VP, source entered the field on 6 April and observed that the contours of two aircraft were cut into the grass cover. The targets had a wing span of 21 to 30 meters. The turf between the two planes and around them was damaged by hits.
- No ground detail was permanently stationed at the field. Source could not observe whether there was vehicular traffic on the field on those days when air-to-ground firing was practiced. *

25X1A * [redacted] Comment. Barth airfield is used as a firing range by the two fighter regiments stationed in Puetnitz.

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